

Federal Communications Commission
Comment on NPRM WT Docket 05-235
(Via electronic document filing system)

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my enthusiastic support for WT Docket 05-235, which amends Part 97 rules related to amateur radio service licensing requirements. More specifically, it eliminates the long held requirement that high frequency operators (those operating below 30 Mhz) demonstrate proficiency on sending and receiving the International Morse Code. Below I want to briefly outline my comments in support of WT Docket 05-235.

- WRC-03 was very clear about the international community's interest to preserve the amateur radio service, by reducing the barriers many people face in learning to communicate with the International Morse Code. WT Docket 05-235 keeps the United States consistent with WRC-03.
- Affordable computer technology has allowed amateur radio service operators to communicate using the International Morse Code using personal computers and serial or audio devices. In fact, this equipment has become almost standard equipment for many operators. Requiring people to learn Morse code when computers are able to affordably provide the same translation service makes little sense.
- Eliminating the Morse Code requirement under WT Docket 05-235 will not prohibit people from continuing to use this popular mode of communication. There are ample sub-bands available for exclusive use of amateur radio operators continuing the tradition of using Morse Code.

I strongly encourage the Commission to act favorably on WT Docket 05-235 and issue a Report and Order consistent with the direction created in WT Docket 05-235.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.